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SUBJECT: MILITARY COMMUNIQUE FOR MAY

1. MILITARY COMMUNIQUE FOR MAY ISSUED BY PORTUGUESE HIGH COMMAND PUTS LOYALIST KIA AT 21, WITH 50 WIA; AND REBLE KIA AT 33, WITH 10 CONFIRMED WIA. PORTUGUESE LOSSES ARE HIGHEST IN SEVERAL YEARS WHILE GUERRILLA FIGURES ARE UNUSUALLY LOW.

2. VAST MAJORITY OF GOVERNMENT LOSSES ARE RESULT OF THREE ACTIONS: UNITA AMBUSH MAY 6, KILLING 6; MPLA ATTACK IN CABINDA MAY 30, KILLING 4; FNLA AMBUSH MAY 30 ALSO, NEAR CARMONA, KILLING 7 (LUANDA 0412).

3. ALSO REPORTED WERE SUNDRY OTHER ACTIONS BY EACH GROUP. FNLA: NATIVE WORKERS AMBUSHED MAY 16 SE OF CARMONA, KILLING 2; HOUR LONG ATTACK MAY 17 ON BASE AT MASSAU, ON ZAIRE FRONTIER EAST OF CARMONA, KILLING 2 SOLDIERS AND 2 CIVILIANS; SMALL ATTACK MAY 21 ON VILLAGE NEAR CAMABATELA, NO LOSSES; ATTACK MAY 22 ON VILLAGE NEAR SONGO, BURNING HUTS, NO LOSSES; 3-HOUR LONG ATTACK
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MAY 22 ON FRONTIER TOWN OF BIMBE, IN UIGE, NO LOSSES; ATTACK MAY

31 ON 2 CIVILIAN CARS NEAR SONGO, KILLING 2 (LUANDA 0412).

MPLA: ONLY OTHER ACTION WAS MINE EXPLOSION IN CABINDA.

UNITA: MAY 14, UNSUCCESSFUL AMBUSH NEAR LUSO.

4. COMMENT: NUMBER OF OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS AGAINST PORTUGUESE TROOPS IS ABOUT THE SAME AS BEFORE COUP BUT DEGREE OF SUCCESS FOR REBELS (AND LOSSES FOR PORTUGUESE) IS MUCH GREATER. POSSIBLY GUERRILLA TROOPS, SENSING LIGHT AT END OF TUNNEL, ARE PRESSING HOME ATTACKS THAT HERETOFORE WERE HALF-HEARTEDLY EXECUTED AND BROKEN OFF EARLY. NO ACTIONS BY CHIPENDA FACTION OF MPLA ARE MENTIONED.

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